

Keynotes

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The following individuals received Year-in-Service certificates for their years of continuous, full-time federal employment at the April 17, 2000 AOML Awards Ceremony:

10 years: Robert Castle
Steven E. Feuer
James C. Hendee

15 years: Sim D. Aberson
William P. Barry
David B. Enfield
James W. Farrington
John F. Gamache
M. Edward Rahn
George A. Soukup
Sandra M. Taylor

20 years: Robert A. Black
Neal M. Dorst
Judith Gray
Frank D. Marks
Katsuyuki V. Ooyama

25 years: Gregory T. Banes
Jules F. Craynock
Gloria J. Lockett
Robert J. Roddy
Helen Williams

40 years: Howard A. Friedman

Awards Ceremony Highlights Accomplishments

AOML staff gathered on April 17, 2000 for an Awards Ceremony to honor the achievements and accomplishments of fellow co-workers. Director Kristina Katsaros awarded the following individuals with AOML Certificates of Merit:

- *Tsung-Hung Peng and Rik Wanninkhof*, in recognition of their receiving the 1999 Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research's Outstanding Scientific Paper Award.

- *James Hendee*, in recognition of his leadership in establishing a coral reef monitoring system.

- *Catherine Steward*, in recognition of her receiving a NOAA Administrator's Award for creating extraordinary improvements to the administrative support functions at AOML.

- *Howard A. Friedman*, in recognition of his years of service on the Under-Representation Subcommittee of NOAA's Equal Employment Opportunity Council.

- *Jules F. Craynock*, in recognition of his many years of service on the Environmental Research Laboratories' Equal Employment Opportunity Advisory Committee and the AOML Office of Equal Employment Opportunity.

- *Nirva Morisseau-Leroy, Shirley Murillo, Sonia Otero, and Mark Powell*, in recognition of their receiving the Best JAVA Implementation Award at the NOAA Tech 2000 Conference.

- *Linda Pikula*, in recognition of her receiving a NOAA Silver Medal Group Award for contributing to the development of NOAAALINC, a library and information network.

In addition, the following individuals were recognized and received Certificates of Appreciation for their contributions in preparing AOML for its Quadrennial Review on February 23-24, 2000: Maria Bello, Shailer Cummings, Gail Derr, Sam Houston, Nina Liebig, Roberta Lusic, Linda Pikula, Michael Sam, Albert Smith, Cathy Steward, and Erica Van Coverden.



James Hendee receives an award from AOML Director Kristina Katsaros for his efforts to establish a coral reef monitoring system.



Howard Friedman shows off his Years-in-Service Certificate commemorating 40 years of federal employment.



Secretaries Day
April 26, 2000



Diversity Seminar

In honor of the
Department of Commerce's
Holocaust Memorial Week-
Days of Remembrance,
AOML presents

Rose Price



Rose Price was born of Orthodox Jewish parents in Poland. As a child during World War II, she spent five years in the concentration camps of Bergen-Belsen and Dachau. Somehow she miraculously survived...come hear her story.

April 18, 2000
3:00 p.m.
First-Floor
Conference Room



AOML and the Southeast Fisheries Science Center will jointly host an Open House on May 12-13, 2000 in honor of NOAA's 30th anniversary.

Team AOML Needs You!

Joggers, walkers, and runners are needed to form AOML teams to participate in the following events:

Multiple Sclerosis 10K Walk: April 9, 2000:

The MS 10K Walk begins at 9:00 a.m. at Hugh Taylor Birch State Park in Ft. Lauderdale. Contact Howard Friedman if interested in participating or for additional information (305-361-4319 or friedman@aoml.noaa.gov). Sponsors for team members are also needed. Monies raised from the MS 10K Walk support research into the cure, cause, prevention, and treatment of multiple sclerosis.

Club Med Corporate Run 2000: May 4, 2000:

Approximately 20,000 employees from businesses, corporations, financial institutions, and federal agencies in the Miami area are expected to participate in the 3.1 mile Club Med Corporate Run 2000 at Bayfront Park. Peter Black is this year's Team AOML organizer; contact him for questions or for more information (black@aoml.noaa.gov or 305-361-4320). Corporate Run 2000 information, plus downloadable forms, can be obtained at http://www.footworksmiami.com/Corporate/Corporate_Run_Home.htm. Runner release forms for participants must be received by Peter no later than Tuesday, April 11th. AOML will provide refreshments and a tent for team members. Proceeds from this event are donated to the local chapter of the Leukemia Society of America.

NOAA Sponsors Close Up Program Participants

Five Hialeah Senior High School students had the opportunity to travel to Washington, D.C. this past February and participate in a week-long Close Up Program due to the efforts of AOML's Alejandra Lorenzo. Alejandra assisted the students by securing funding from NOAA's Office of Equal Employment Opportunity to subsidize their trip.

The Close Up Program brings civics lessons to life by taking students behind the scenes and allowing them to witness their government in action. Students' days are filled from morning to night with activities including study visits to Washington landmarks, seminars with national leaders, and small-group workshops.

The students recounted their adventures at a lunchtime presentation for AOML staff members on March 21, 2000. Highlights of their trip included visits to the White House, the Library of Congress, the Pentagon, national monuments, and meetings with Florida State Senator Connie Mack and House of Representatives member Lincoln Diaz-Balart. An additional, unexpected highlight included the experience of seeing snow for the first time. Their enthusiasm and excitement were tempered only by the gratitude and sincere appreciation expressed towards Alejandra and to NOAA for making this "experience of a lifetime" possible.



Hialeah Senior High School students Jane Dominquez, Doris Morgado, Lazaro Berlanga, Stephanie Fernandez, and Eva Miranda with AOML's Alejandra Lorenzo.

Welcome Aboard

Sonia Bauer joins the staff of the Physical Oceanography Division to assist with activities in the Global Drifter Center/Data Assembly Center.

Oscar Otero joins the staff of the Office of the Director to provide computer support services for the administrative/accounting group.

Congratulations

Oleg Esenkov, Oceanographer with the Physical Oceanography Division, successfully defended his doctoral thesis, "A numerical study of the dynamics of the Somali Current system," at the University of Miami's Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science on February 25, 2000. Oleg's Ph.D. in physical oceanography will be awarded from the University of Miami at graduation ceremonies in May 2000.

Farewell

Mark Swenson, Oceanographer with the Physical Oceanography Division, will resign from AOML on April 28, 2000 after eight years as a principal investigator with PhOD and the leader of the Global Drifter Center/Data Assembly Center. He has accepted a position with the U.S. Navy in Monterrey, California. Best of luck to Mark for his continued success.

Honor Thy Mother!



Earth Day

April 22, 2000

Leadership Training Workshop

April 6-7, 2000

First-Floor Conference Room

This course is designed to help leaders build behaviors that support NOAA's vision, mission, and goals, challenge behaviors that prevent success, and respond to difficult situations by analyzing options. Attendance is required for supervisors and rating officials. Key topics include:

- *LEADING DURING TIMES OF CHANGE
- *COACHING IN SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITIES
- *ENHANCING YOUR ABILITY TO LEAD (SELF-ASSESSMENT PROFILE)
- *BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS
- *CHALLENGING NON-PRODUCTIVE BEHAVIOR
- *DECISION MAKING AND PROBLEM SOLVING
- *ANALYZING DIVERSITY AND EEO ISSUES

Contact Howard Friedman to register or for more information
(305-361-4319 or friedman@aoml.noaa.gov)

April Informal Research Reports*

April 4, 2000

Development of a Tropical Cyclone Precipitation Climatology TRMM

Dr. Frank Marks
Hurricane Research Division

April 17, 2000

Summary of the 1999 Atlantic Hurricane Season: A Climatic Perspective

Mr. Stanley Goldenberg
Hurricane Research Division

April 19, 2000

Results from the Analysis of PALACE Data: Tropical Atlantic Circulation and Temperatures

Dr. Claudia Schmid
Physical Oceanography Division

April 20, 2000

The Nested Spectral Model: Better Theory and New Results

Dr. Katsuyuki Ooyama
Hurricane Research Division

April 25, 2000

Investigations into Electrically Active MCS Stratiform Areas

Mr. Robert Black
Hurricane Research Division

April 28, 2000

To be announced

Dr. Joseph Cione
Hurricane Research Division

*Presentations begin at 3:00 p.m. in the first-floor conference room. Coffee and tea are served at 2:45 p.m.

Travel

David Bitterman will participate in a planning and design meeting for the new SEAS-V shipboard data acquisition software in Washington, D.C., on April 4-6, 2000.

Kristina Katsaros will attend an SES training course in Shepardstown, West Virginia on April 9-13, 2000. She will make a presentation at Bethune-Cookman College in Daytona, Florida entitled "The value of natural science: Inspiration, relevance, and how you can become a part of it" on April 14, 2000. On April 18-19, 2000 she will attend an OAR Senior Research Council Meeting in Silver Spring, Maryland.

Silvia Garzoli will attend an SES training course in Shepardstown, West Virginia on April 9-13, 2000.

Robert Molinari will attend a GOOS SEAS Operational Meeting in Washington, D.C., on April 12-14, 2000.

Christopher Landsea, Michael Black, and Hugh Willoughby will attend the Fourth Annual Bahamas Weather Conference in Nassau, Bahamas on April 12-15, 2000.

Mark Powell will attend the National Hurricane Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana on April 14-21, 2000.

Sim Aberson will attend a NOAA Diversity Council Meeting in Silver Spring, Maryland on April 27-28, 2000.

Hugh Willoughby will make a presentation entitled "Hurricanes in the 21st century" at the Ohio State Weather Symposium in Columbus, Ohio on April 27-29, 2000.

**Bring a
Child to
Work Day
April 27, 2000**

AOML Volunteers Contribute to NOSB 2000 Success

Erica Van Coverden, Outreach Coordinator, Office of the Director

A group of 11 AOML employees volunteered their Saturday morning on February 26, 2000 to help conduct a regional-level competition of the National Ocean Sciences Bowl (NOSB). The NOSB is an academic competition for high school students that aims to increase their knowledge of ocean sciences and to raise visibility and public understanding of the importance of the oceans in our daily lives. The Consortium for Oceanographic Research and Education (CORE) founded the NOSB in 1998 in honor of the International Year of the Ocean. One of the long-term goals of the program is to foster the next generation of marine scientists, educators, and ocean science policy makers.



Students from across the nation compete annually in regional tournaments hosted by institutions, aquaria, and federal laboratories involved in oceanographic and aquatic research and education. By winning regional competitions, teams qualify to participate in the final championship competition.

Ultimate success of the National Ocean Sciences Bowl requires the concerted effort of hundreds of volunteer staff at the regional competitions and the finals; therefore, training and preparing volunteers is a key step in the process. AOML definitely came through for the NOSB this year, delivering manpower for the event in the form of moderators (Dave Enfield, Jason Dunion, and Shirley Murillo), scientific judges (Sam Houston, Dennis Mayer, and Maria Bello), rules judges (Nick Carrasco, Alejandra Lorenzo, and John Gamache), and timekeepers and scorekeepers (Craig Engler and Neal Dorst).

MAST Academy was the winner of the south Florida regional competition in Miami. They will be one of 20 teams competing in the NOSB 2000 championship tournament at the Maritime Institute of Technology near Baltimore, Maryland on April 16-17, 2000. Grand prize for the winning team is a trip to Catalina Island and the Monterey, California area. Results of the championship competition will be posted on the NOSB web site (<http://core.ssc.erc.msstate.edu/NOSBtop.html>).

Good luck to the MAST Academy team and thank you to all the AOML volunteers that made this year's NOSB a great success!

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Thursdays, 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Outdoor Picnic Area

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